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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Office the documents listed on the IDS Form PTO/SB/08 submitted herewith. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application; therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is due for its proper consideration.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications are not enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Office consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
Application Serial No. 10/538,012
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With respect to the non-English language document JP 55-022072, listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants submit an English-language abstract herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made, or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Office applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

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	1	US-5,128,606	07/07/1992	Gate et al.	

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2	EP 0 526 078	02/24/1993			N/A
	3	EP 0 850 880	07/01/1998			N/A
	4	GB 2,240,398 A	07/31/1991			N/A
	5	JP 55-022072	02/16/1980			Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation ⁴
	6	International Search Report for PCT/GB03/05686 dated November 1, 2004.	
	7	English-language abstract of JP 55-022072	

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